

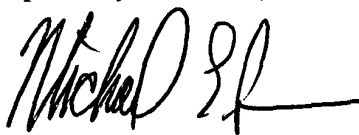
REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been cancelled herein. Thus, by this Amendment, Claims 12-24 are now under examination in this application.

In U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/552,098, which is the parent application of this divisional application, a provisional election was by way of a telephone conversation between applicants' attorney and the Examiner to elect Claims 1-11 for prosecution thereby withdrawing from consideration non-elected Claims 12-24. By cancelling herein Claims 1-11, Applicants are now prosecuting Claims 12-24.

It is believed that the application as now presented, containing Claims 12-24 is in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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